

What is claimed is:

1. A method for storing data in a memory comprising the steps of:
 - 5 computing an extent size from a bit rate of a data stream;
rounding the computed extent size up to the next whole packet of data;
identifying extents that require a null packet to be
 - 10 added to the extent;
inserting a null packet into the identified extents; and
storing each extent in said memory.